



Networking to Create a Culture of LIFE

## **Network Affiliation**

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# Why Affiliate with Alliance for Life?

**Our Vision:** *To unify and champion LIFE ministries*

**Our Mission:** *Saving and changing lives by equipping people, empowering ministries and engaging communities toward a culture of life.*

The Alliance has a strong network of pro-life ministries around Missouri that include pregnancy resource centers, maternity homes, adoption agencies and post abortion recovery ministry.

When you affiliate with the Alliance for Life you are uniting with more than 70 other ministries in Missouri working toward the same goal of making abortion unthinkable and creating a culture of life in our state and beyond. That connection, cooperation and collaboration allows us to leverage our resources, expand our impact, and bring a united voice to accomplish together what we would never be able to do apart.

While each affiliate is impacting their local communities, all alone it would be impossible to impact Missouri. It takes strategic work to change the landscape for life in our state. Now more than ever in the history of the pro-life movement and the Alliance for Life, it is important for our affiliates to come together under the AFL banner working strategically to equip, empower and engage each one and enable them to advance life over the abortion giants.

Missouri is a target. The abortion giants want to put an end to the effective work of life ministries across the state. Individually, it is impossible to stand up against them, but working together, we will not only stand against them but we will gain ground in Missouri for LIFE.

## Affiliate Benefits

### **Telephone and e-mail consulting services—as needed.**

1. Providing a network of resources for fundraisers, board, staff development and more
2. Board of director issues
3. Staff/volunteer issues
4. New center start up

### **Available on-site trainings/consultations.** (discounted rates)

1. Board of Directors consulting/training
2. Evangelism training
3. New center start up
4. Center re-organization
5. New Executive Director consulting

### **Professional development.** (discounted rates)

1. Annual state conference
2. Special statewide training events with state and national trainers
3. In-Depth Enrichment Day
4. Regional *Executive Connections* (for the Executive Director), quarterly
5. Statewide *Maternity Home Connections*, annually
6. Statewide *Nurse Connections*, annually

### **Grants/Scholarships**

1. Eligible to become a sub-contractor under the Alternatives to Abortion grant program currently held by the Alliance for Life through the state of Missouri Office of Administration (*must qualify for such contract by the services they offer and funds available*). See AFL for additional requirements and qualifications beyond funds available.
2. Limited scholarships available for the state conference/training events

### **Awards**

1. Eligible for the annual "**Above and Beyond**" Director, Board and Servant awards presented at the annual AFL conference.

### **Prayer support.**

1. Monthly prayer calendar and prayer network.

### **Resources**

1. Opportunity to receive donated resources as available
2. Sharing your abundance of resources through the AFL network
3. Special giving opportunities to bless new and/or existing ministries within AFL Network
4. Invited to be a member of the AFL Team Connection on Facebook



### **Stronger voice for life.**

1. Cooperating together to influence our state legislators toward life-affirming goals
2. Annual *AFL Day at the Capitol* in Jefferson City

### **Publications.**

1. Quarterly newsletter *Life Connections*
2. Included in *Ministry Directory*
3. Included in the annual *Year End Affiliate Report*
4. For Maternity Homes only—included in statewide *Maternity Home Directory*

### **Networking across Missouri and beyond.**

1. Relationship building with directors and staff across the state
2. Exchanging of program ideas
3. Encouragement/support from peers

### **Website**

1. Affiliate client and donor websites listed and linked on AFL website

## Standards of Affiliation

Recognizing that a cultural war exists for the hearts of women in crisis and their children, significant issues are at stake in the way Alliance For Life affiliates operate and convey their services. High standards of integrity and client care are crucial in the successful operation of Alliance For Life affiliates. As representatives of Jesus Christ, being above reproach is a Biblical mandate.

Due to the cultural and political environment in which we operate, it is also an absolute necessity that the Alliance For Life reflects II Corinthians 4: 1,2 & 5:

*"This is the ministry which God in His mercy has given us and nothing can daunt us. We have set our faces against all shameful, secret practices; we use no clever tricks, no dishonest manipulation of the Word of God. We speak the plain truth and so commend ourselves to every person's conscience in the sight of God. ...for it is Christ Jesus as Lord whom we preach, not ourselves; we are your servants for Jesus sake."*

Therefore, pro-life organizations that desire to join the network of Alliance For Life shall agree to uphold and operate under the following *Standards of Affiliation*:

### **Foundation Documents**

1. Affiliate is incorporated under the laws of the state where they are located.  
The organization operates in accordance with its *Articles of Incorporation and By-laws*, as well as all applicable regulatory and legal requirements.
2. Affiliate will adhere to a written purpose or mission statement.
3. Affiliate will operate under a statement of faith.
4. Affiliate will operate under established policies and procedures.

### **Commitment of Client Care**

*See page 4 for complete document that can be printed and displayed in the client areas.*

### **Operational Integrity**

1. Affiliate will operate under the direction of a board of directors, which meets regularly.
2. Affiliate will carry adequate insurance.
3. Affiliate shall adhere to truthfulness in all aspects of their operations.
4. Affiliate will assure that they operate within ethical and legal bounds.
5. Affiliate will have a standard format for volunteer training and orientation to ensure they have adequate preparation.
6. Affiliate will provide a safe environment by screening all volunteers and staff interacting with clients.
7. Affiliate shall keep records and statistics of clients served.

### **Financial Integrity**

1. Affiliate will carry out their fundraising activities and financial transactions with integrity.
2. Affiliate will maintain a system of financial accountability and will be in compliance with generally accepted accounting principles.
3. Affiliate financial records will be reviewed at least quarterly by the affiliate board of directors or governing board.



# Commitment of Care

(adopted from Heartbeat International and Care Net Commitment of Care)

1. Alliance For Life affiliates that serve clients will do so without regard to age, income, nationality, religious affiliation, disability or other arbitrary circumstances.
2. Clients are treated with kindness and compassion.
3. Clients always receive honest and accurate answers to their questions.
4. Client pregnancy tests are distributed and administered in accordance with all applicable laws.
5. Client information is held in strict and absolute confidence. Client information is only disclosed as required by law and when necessary to protect the client or others against imminent harm.
6. Clients receive medically accurate information about pregnancy, fetal development, lifestyle issues and related concerns.
7. Alliance For Life affiliates do not offer, recommend or refer for abortions or abortifacients; but are committed to offering medically accurate information about abortion procedures and risks.
8. All advertising and communications are truthful and accurately describe the services offered.
9. All staff and volunteers receive proper training to uphold these commitments of client care.

